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2. The ZEK had received orders from the Soviets for a 5,000-ton supply vessel. ILLEGIB
The preliminary project was completed. In March 1955, the Soviets demanded
that a new project for a similar ship be prepared. This new ship was to be
a vessel of at least 7,000 tons, capable of doing 18 knots. In the previous
project, the designed speed was to be 16.5 knots. Work on the new project
was underway at the time, as the target date set for its completion was six
weeks.
3. The preliminary projects underway at the ZEK included a geared turbine
freighter displacing about 21,400 tons and capable attaining a speed of 18.5
knots. Her propulsion plant was to consist of a steam turbine with a
transmission gear of about 20,000 horsepower, steam pressure 45 kilograms
above atmospheric pressure, and steam temperature of 453° centigrade. In
addition, a passenger ship of about 21,000 tons displacement and capable of
carrying between 750 and 900 passengers was ordered. This vessel would be
equipped with two steam turbines, each of about 20,000 horsepower, giving
her a speed of 24 knots. The ZEK expects that the technical project of the
passenger ship will be taken in hand in July or August 1955, since work
on the freighter is well advanced.

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